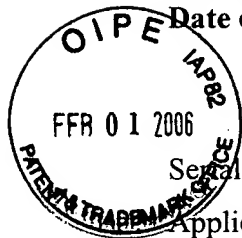


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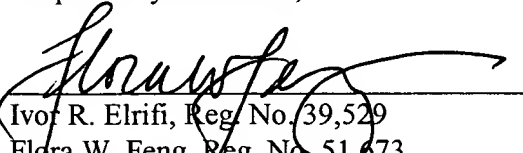
1. Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 24, 2006 (11 pages);
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2. Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (212) 935-3000, New York, New York.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. **50-0311** Ref. No. **27373-501 UTIL**. Please address all correspondence to Customer Number **35437**. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed herewith.

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-COMPLIANT
AMENDMENT MAILED JANUARY 24, 2006**

Sir:

In response to the Non-Compliant Amendment mail dated January 24, 2006, Applicants hereby resubmit in its entirety the Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action mailed January 13, 2006 with the required amendment. This Response is due on or before February 24, 2006 with no extensions.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of the Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 11 of this paper.